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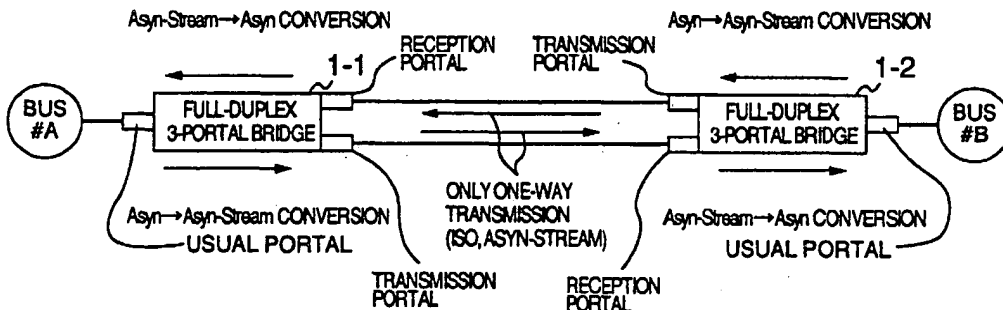
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(54) **Bridge for IEEE 1394 bus network**

(57) The two-way transmissions are performed between a first bus (#A) and a usual portal of a first full-duplex 3-portal bridge (1-1) and between a second bus (#B) and a usual portal of a second full-duplex 3-portal bridge (1-2), respectively. The one-way transmission of an isochronous packet and an asynchronous stream packet is performed between transmission and recep-

tion portals of the first full-duplex 3-portal bridge (1-1) and reception and transmission portals of the second full-duplex 3-portal bridge (1-2): The first full-duplex 3-portal bridge (1-1) and the second full-duplex 3-portal bridge (1-2) perform a conversion between the asynchronous stream packet and an asynchronous packet if necessary.

FIG. 4A



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